Bengal have requested for revamping of the National Instruments Limited; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various steps taken by the Government include *inter-alia* provision of funds for product rationalisation, diversification, technology upgradation and in-house research and development as also requesting various customers including state enterprises, Central public sector enterprises and defence etc., for utilising the facilities created in National Instruments Limited.

Cess/Royalty on Coal

6522. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the income of Orissa and Bihar from imposing cess and royalty on coal has gone down;

(b) if so, the amount of income and the amount lost and the reasons of cancelling the cess imposed on coal by Government of Orissa and Bihar;

(c) whether the Union Government have increased the royalty on coal;

(d) whether inspite of it the income of the two States are less than the previous one;

(e) the steps being taken to see that the income from cess and royalty does not go down by only imposing royalty;

(f) whether both the Governments have written to the Union Government to increase the income on this score; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The revenue accruing to State Governments of Orissa and Bihar from royalty and cesses on coal has come down after levy of cesses on coal by these State Governments was struck off by the courts.

(b) to (e). Consequent to the withdrawal of cesses on coal in some States due to court orders, Government of India have increased the rates of royalty on coal with effect from 1.8.1991 except for coal produced in the States of Assam and West Bengal, which States are still levying cesses on coal at high rates. Which increasing the rates of royalty, Government has to balance the revenue needs of the State Governments. With the interests of coal consumers. In such an exercise, it is not always possible to protect the revenues of individual States. However, the aggregate revenue from cess and royalty on coal accruing to all States where coal is produced has gone up after the increase in rates of royalty. Individual States will get higher or lower revenue than before, depending upon whether the rates of cesses plus old rates of royalty taken together were lower or higher than the revised rates of royalty. A comparison between the actual royalty and cesses paid by Coal India Limited during 1989-90 and the royalty that would have accrued, had the revised rates of royalty on coal been made applicable during 1989-90 in the States of Bihar and Orissa is given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

State	*Actual royalty and cesses paid by Coal India Ltd. during 1989-90*	*Royalty that would have accrued had the revised rates of royalty on Coal been made applicable during 1989-90*		
	Royalty	*Cess*		*Total*
Bihar	27.93	648.59	676.52	541.39
Orissa	4.11	42.71	46.82	45.26

(f) and (g). Government of Orissa have expressed reservations of the above comparison stating that they were not able to collect cesses for the entire year during 1989-90. Government of Bihar have written to Central Government suggesting fixation of ad-valorem rates of royality on coal. Government of Orissa have also requested increase in the royality rates for lower grades of coal.

Alleged irregularities in DDA

6523. SHRI N.K.BALIYAN:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4409 on December 18, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any action in regard to each of the irregularities referred to in the above mentioned reply;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details of alleged irregularities and the facts as reported by DDA are enclosed in the attached Statement.

(c) Does not arise.